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TRIP REPORT -- VISIT TO [redacted]1. EQUIPMENT

The general operating condition of all units at [redacted] was satisfactory. Closer maintenance schedules have been set up to offset unfavorable climatic conditions. A check of area reliability revealed 70 satisfactory uses in the last 72 missions. 25X1

Some type of hand processing equipment and collimated resolution target would definitely be an asset to our operation at [redacted]. An ECP will be issued for this purpose. 25X1

One problem concerning equipment was presented. The check-out responsibility for blower and heater elements in the hatch is assigned to our personnel. Since we do not manufacture or supply this equipment and have no control of drawings, engineering changes or routine maintenance requirements, the effectiveness of our personnel is limited. Our men feel reluctant to sign the check-off list under these conditions. [redacted] has stated "P-E will be responsible for checking out this gear". I would appreciate a review of this responsibility so that all involved may be informed of official policy. *Confirmed by TWX from [redacted]* 25X1

2. TRANSPORTATION

An item of interest to the majority of Tech Reps is the possibility of gaining more flexibility in personal transportation. One suggestion offered was to authorize a personal car for each section head. Local security people were most helpful in reviewing this entire situation. The security problems involved would seem to outweigh any benefit that might be gained. Since this request seems impractical at this time, I mentioned it only as a matter of record and for possible research on your part.

3. PROBLEMS

In evaluating several of the difficulties presented I find that general conditions have reached a satisfactory level. By this I mean that basic factors such as work facilities, living conditions and general morale are no longer problem areas. The list of requests for changes has now reached items of relatively minor significance. This speaks very highly for [redacted] and his effectiveness. 25X1

4. SECURITY

All personnel have a very high regard for the security people at [redacted]. I was personally grateful for the extra time and effort that Bill offered to explain certain local policies and conditions. An item that we reviewed, is the general feeling that the present cover story is becoming weaker with time and has become awkward to live by. After a thorough review of this situation it is apparent that the best possible condition exists and is under constant observation for improvement. 25X1

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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